



Vernon Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council
August 25, 2017 9:30am-11:00am
KIDSAFE CT, 19 Elm Street, Vernon, CT

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Welcome & Introductions:

Members present: Kaitlin Carafa, Melisa Luginbuhl, Michelle Hill, Steven Jackson, Robin Kohler, Aaron Grechko, Bryan Flint

2. Approval of the Minutes:

Kaitlin moved to approve the draft minutes from May 19th meeting

The motion was seconded by Robin Kohler

The Council voted unanimously to approve the May 19th "draft" minutes

3. Partnerships for Success (PFS) Updates

CADCA: Those who went to the CADCA conference shared their thoughts about the conference. It was shared that the conference was extremely large with many participants and options for workshops. It was suggested that the link to conference resources go on the VDAPC website.

Evaluation Plan: – Final Due 8/30: Vernon's evaluation plan has been submitted and approved.

School Survey: Students at VCMS and Rockville High School are scheduled to take the "ERASE Student Substance Use and Related Behavior Survey" in October. ERASE's survey analyst is currently creating the Vernon specific survey. Once the data is collected and analyzed, the final report will be released to the Superintendent and Board of Education for approval. The results can then be shared with the VDAPC, and then the community.

4. Governors Prevention Partnership (GPP)

Youth Advocates from CT coalitions: No report was available for this meeting; report will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Coalition Capacity Building Sessions

Gather thoughts on the process: It was expressed that there was appreciation for the consultant /facilitator for sharing good practices and important considerations to organizing a strong coalition.

Set date for next Session: A date was not yet set for the next session. Kaitlin will send out an email to set the date.

6. Planning for Upcoming Events

Sub-committees for each: As we move forward toward specific events, it will be important to have a smaller planning committee for each event. Two fall events include:

The Opioid Forum: (date and location to be determined)

Drug free basketball tournament: (October 28) This event will engage youth and the VPD/VFD in a team/community building activity.

Kaitlin will send out an email to the coalition to request members to join the committee(s) for the event(s) they would like to help plan and participate in.

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7. Funding

ERASE funds: Michelle provided an overview of the use of ERASE funds of \$5342 during the 16-17 fiscal year. Funds were used to conduct alcohol compliance checks which included training youth. Funds were also used to offer a TIPS training for employees of Vernon businesses with Liquor licenses, which was well attended by stores that did not pass the compliance checks. \$1000 was given to KIDSAFE for their staff mentors at the Teen Drop-In Center. The remainder of funds was used to purchase drug prevention marketing items.

Michelle and Kaitlin will discuss options for 2017-18 funds for the submission of an application for the 2017-18 fiscal year to propose to the Council for consideration.

Exchange Club funds: The Exchange Club of Rockville donated \$5000 to KIDSAFE/The Village to be used for Vernon youth through employment/stipend opportunities and incentives for their work with the Council. Using these funds for youth to sit on a youth advisory board was one idea shared.

8. Coalition name

Vernon R.O.C.K.S. coalition: A Vernon group of young people joined together for a brainstorming session to determine a more positive name for the VDAPC. After discussing possible options, the group decided on Vernon Rocks Coalition. "ROCKS" stands for: Resources and Outreach for Community Knowledge and Success. The Council agreed to make Vernon Rocks the new name for the coalition.

9. Training Opportunities

Suicide Prevention - August 31st 5:30-7 PM at KIDSAFE

10. Village Annual Report – PFS featured

The Partnership for Success grant is being featured in the Village for Families and Children Annual report. A lead member of the Public relations/marketing team for the Village interviewed the members who were present to get information on the impact of PFS so far on individuals in the coalition and their work, and on the coalition and community as a whole.

The meeting was adjourned

Submitted by:
Michelle Hill